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Re: Is the WI Single-Sex?

Dear Women's Institute Declaration,

Thank you for your letter dated 22 September.

We have already answered this question in previous correspondence, and this is also outlined in our E,D&I policy. The WI is a women's only organisation, and this includes transgender women. As you know, the fact that we recognise transgender women as women is based on decades-old practice within WIs and a national policy that was formally established circa 2010. Nothing has changed since then, aside from us further explaining this in more detail in later drafts of the E,D&I policy.

As a membership organisation our position is very different to service providers, such as hospitals, prisons, and services for survivors of rape and sexual assault. They may choose to take a different approach because of the nature of their organisation or the services they offer.

Thank you for raising your concerns.

Best wishes,

The NFWI